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**SENATOR CHAFEE SPEAKS OUT ON
THE BOUTROS CASE**

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee reacted with disappointment to the news that the Department of Immigration and Customs Enforcement had taken Faraj Boutros into custody this morning after a long battle with immigration officials.

“I recognize the fine line that our hard working immigration officials must walk between the sentiment in the lines on the Statue of Liberty—“give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free” and the need to enforce immigration laws for the good of all our citizens. Mr. Boutros came to this country in 1984 to find justice, peace and humanity that he could not find in his home land of Syria. He and his family made a home in Rhode Island, started a successful business and became a prominent part of the community. Recognizing the difficulties of the situation, I am doing everything in my power to help Mr. Boutros work within the current immigration laws to become a legal resident and return to Rhode Island to be with his family,” Chafee said.

The Chafee office has been in close touch with the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement today. Staff members have also been in personal contact with Mr. Boutros at the Bristol County House of Correction to outline his options and offer their assistance.

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